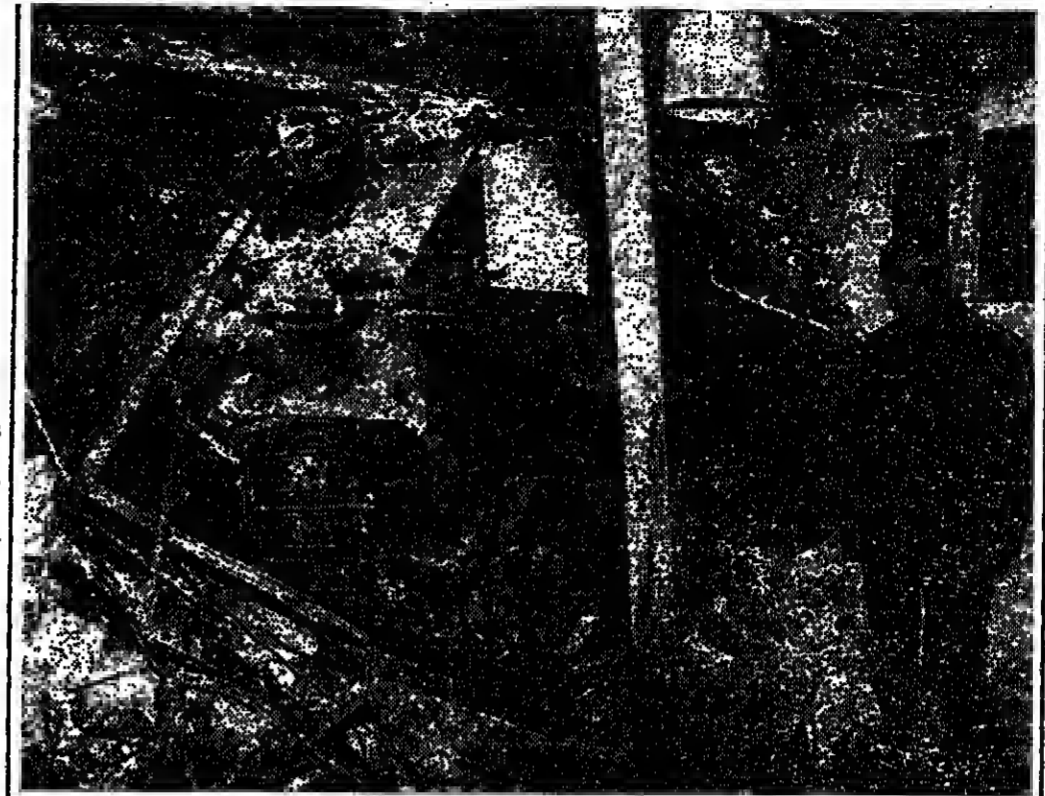


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US tells Russia to keep out of the Middle East

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The new agreement on strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel...

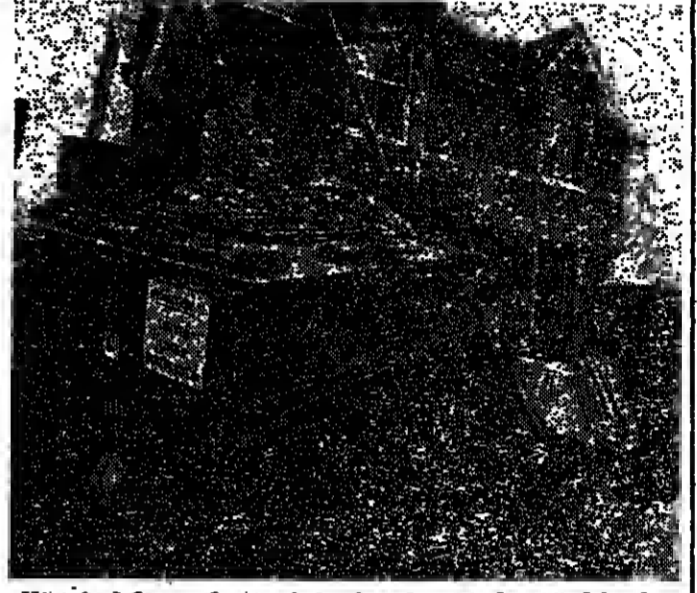


Mr Walpole and the runaway carrier in the lounge of his home.

Runaway carrier wrecks houses

An 11-ton armoured personnel carrier ran out of control yesterday, crashing into three houses...

The carrier, from Borden Camp, west Sussex, careered down Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Hampshire...



Wrecked front of one of the four houses damaged in the accident.

Village sealed after gang escapes trap

Hundreds of police officers, some armed, were last night searching a patch of dense woodland near Bristol for an armed gang which had escaped a police trap.

As police moved in on the parked getaway vehicle, one of the four raiders aimed a sawn-off shotgun at them.

Mortgage rates cut early next year

Building societies are expected to postpone their hoped-for cut in mortgage rates until the new year because of continuing strong demand for home loans.

The Building Societies Association Council meets next week, but most societies favour a delay.



Quality in an age of change. THE FAMOUS GROUSE FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY

Police block £5m IRA ransom

By Richard Ford and Stewart Tiedler

Police throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland are working together to prevent payment by the Associated British Foods organization of a £5m ransom demanded by the Provisional IRA for the release of their kidnapped executive, Mr Don Tiddy.

The demand was made by telephone to the company's headquarters at Bowater House near Hyde Park.

On Thursday a reply to a question in the House of Lords was used to signal to the IRA that the company would not be allowed to pay the ransom.

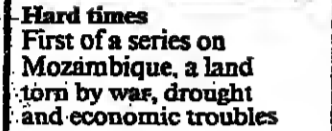
Officers from the Irish police have been in London for the past week and there has been speculation that Mr Tiddy might have been brought to Britain but the police believe he is still somewhere in the Irish Republic.

Monday

Pop... A generation after the heyday of the Beatles Spectrum finds that big business has moved into pop...

Sparring... The British Lightweight Boxing Championship: Srikanth Sen reports partners...

Hard times... First of a series on Mozambique, a land torn by war, drought and economic troubles



Cable & Wireless sale flops

The Government's privatization programme suffered a setback as investors bid for only about 70 per cent of the Cable & Wireless shares offered in a £275m state sell-off.

Police shake-up

A new police strategy, emphasizing policing the community by consent, is disclosed in a Home Office circular to chief constables

Transport Bill

A government Bill aimed at severing the link between London, Transport and the Greater London Council and offering scope for privatization has been published

Arson ruling

The Court of Appeal cleared Bruce Lee, the Humber-side arsonist, of killing 11 men, but convictions relating to 15 other fire victims stand

CND action

The CND is to decide this weekend at its annual conference whether it should take up nationally a campaign to persuade Servicemen to join the organization

Space extra

The crew of the space shuttle Columbia are asking for an extra day in space to complete their heavy workload in the European Spacecab

Kidnap ordeal

Mr Alfred Heaneken, the kidnapped brewery chief who was freed by police on Wednesday, has described how he was chained up in a cold damp cell for three weeks

Blow to banks

Banks face a legal stumbling block in their attempt to introduce bank debit cards, which allow electronic transfer of funds at the shop till

Whitelaw to protect Government image

By Julian Haviland Political Editor Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, has given her most senior colleague, Lord Whitelaw, the responsibility of improving presentation of government policy.

The day-to-day work of coordinating the output of government information from the Whitehall departments will remain with Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, who has easy and regular access in her. But Mr Ingham cannot interfere with the speeches of ministers.

Mr Biffen, who in theory was empowered to do so, would not have had the weight as the 14th ranking member of the Cabinet, even if he had the inclination, to suggest to the Foreign Secretary or to the Chancellor of the Exchequer what they should or should not say.

Mrs Thatcher hopes that Lord Whitelaw, the experienced conciliator, with all his ambition, may be able to take them aside for a word without causing offence.

The committee of Privy Counsellors was concerned that chairman of companies which donate to Conservative Party funds, who are honoured for their contribution to industry rather than for political services, could be suspected of receiving peerages or knight-

Picket line truce opens way for NGA peace talks

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter Crucial talks aimed at resolving the Stockport Messenger dispute, which has threatened to involve the entire printing industry, will resume on Monday after a peace initiative yesterday from the National Graphical Association (NGA).

After a night in which concessions came and went, the union pledged in court yesterday that it would end illegal mass picketing around the company's plants in Warrington and Bury for seven days.

The High Court in Manchester then decided it would adjourn until next Friday two court actions brought by the Messenger's chairman, Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah which arose out of the NGA's defiance of a court order halting the secondary action.

On Thursday night Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary elect of the NGA, offered to lift the picketing, if Mr Shah withdrew yesterday's court action which was taking place against the background of the legal seizure of the union's £10m funds.

Mr David Dimbleby, the broadcaster and chairman of the Richmond and Twickenham Times group, yesterday said he would be seeking legal advice on Monday over whether he should be taking action because of the improper use of political honours.

Scrutiny team: Lord Carr (left), Lord Shackleton and Lord Franks who recommended the new arrangement

Tighter checks on candidates for honours lists

By Peter Hennessy The Prime Minister has agreed to a request from the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee that the system be tightened up to prevent suspicions of impropriety and backdoor political patronage.

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Bruce Lee cleared of 11 killings, but convictions on 15 fire victims stand

Bruce Lee, the self-confessed Humberston arsonist, was cleared in the Court of Appeal yesterday of causing the death of eleven elderly men in a fire at an old people's home.

But the decision to quash Lee's convictions for arson and manslaughter in this incident will not mean that he will be freed. He is still detained in a mental hospital for 10 other fires which killed another 15 people.

After a short adjournment during which Mr Harry Ognall QC, Lee's counsel, saw him in the cells below the court, Mr Ognall returned to court and announced that Lee would withdraw his two remaining applications for leave to appeal.

The withdrawn applications related to fires at Askew Avenue, Hull, in June 1973 and West Dock Avenue, Hull, in January 1977. Lord Justice Ackner, sitting with Mr Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Leggatt, said they would be formally dismissed and the court would give a full judgment next week.

Quashing Lee's convictions of starting a fire at Wensley Lodge, Hull on January 5, 1977, and the manslaughter of the eleven men, Lord Justice Ackner said the conviction were not safe. The main reason was the "unsatisfactory nature of the forensic evidence".

The judge said that the Home Office Scientist, Mr Graham Devonport, should have suggested to the 1977 inquiry into the cause of the fire that it might have been deliberately started with paraffin. If that had been suggested, the construction of the room where the fire was

discovered could have been checked more closely to see if Lee's story about using paraffin and paper to start the fire was supported by the scientific evidence.

Lord Justice Ackner said the court was making no criticism of Det Supt Ronald Sagar, the policeman who interviewed Lee after his arrest.

"We have no doubt that Lee made the statements, both oral and written; that they were voluntarily and properly obtained by Det Supt Sagar and words as he said them," the judge said. Although the prosecution case would have been strong, based on Lee's confessions to the police and others including his own solicitor, the forensic evidence had been "unsatisfactory". It was not safe to allow the convictions to stand.

Lee, aged 23, of Iron House, Cavell Place, Hull, admitted all 11 fires and the manslaughter of 26 people when he appeared before Mr Justice Tudor Evans at Leeds Crown Court in January 1981. He was ordered to be detained indefinitely in a mental hospital. But after *The Sunday Times* investigated his case he began to protest his innocence.

The Court of Appeal hearing, which lasted nine days, opened with Lee seeking leave to appeal against all his convictions. After being refused leave to appeal over fires at homes in Selby Street and Troutbeck House, Hull, Lee's lawyers withdrew six other applications and concentrated on the last three cases.

The court had been told that a committee of inquiry into the Wensley Lodge fire decided that it had been started by a plumber's blowtorch accidentally setting light to ceiling boards.

But, after Lee confessed to the police and told them he started the fire with paraffin, inquiries were reopened. During the appeal, defence experts said that the facts of the fire did not fit Lee's story, which he had denied telling police.

After the hearing Lee's lawyers said they would consider asking the Home Secretary to look into the cases on which he was refused leave to appeal.

Yesterday's court decision means that Lee no longer holds the title "Britain's most prolific killer" given to him by *The Guinness Book of Records*. With 15 deaths still on his record Lee is now equal with Dennis Nilsen, recently convicted of killing 15 people.



Lee: Denied confession.



Family reunion: Police Constable Bill Hopkins, from East Grinstead, organized a surprise for his wife Sylvia at Surrey police headquarters, Guildford, yesterday. He arranged for their son Peter to fly from the United States and play the villain on the last day of his 13-week training course with Shane, his new alsatian.

Drug safety for elderly tightened

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Committee on Safety of Medicines is to tighten the licensing system for new drugs widely used by the elderly after the Opren controversy, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

Drug companies will have to carry out studies on how the elderly cope with the drugs after evidence that Opren accumulated in their bodies.

Opren, used to treat arthritis, was withdrawn in August last year, after it was linked with the deaths of 76 people and after 3,800 people were reported to have suffered significant side effects.

BBC plans nuclear war play

By David Hewson

The BBC is planning a 90-minute drama on the aftermath of a nuclear attack among people in Sheffield. The play, due to be shown in about a year, was commissioned 18 months ago, before the controversy over the American production *The Day After* which will be seen on independent television on December 10.

Mr Michael Jackson, producer of the BBC play, said yesterday: "We have no axe to grind. We have talked to people from CND, people from the Home Office and scientific advisers in Britain and America, to try to come up with the most likely course of events after a nuclear attack."

The play, called *Threads* and written by Barry Hines, the author of *Kes*, started five weeks before a nuclear attack and ends 15 years after a bomb has dropped on neighbouring Rotherham. Sheffield City Council, which as declared the city a nuclear-free zone, has offered to cooperate with the play's production in the city, which starts in February.

Mr Jackson said that Sheffield was selected as the site of the play because it is where Mr Hines lives, and is in the centre of Britain.

Both Mr Jackson and Mr Hines took part in a home defence college course for local government workers on dealing with post-nuclear Britain, and some scenes of the play tackle the administration of society after the bomb. The play will also describe the effects on the local economy, climate and agriculture.

Britain's teenagers are overwhelmingly pessimistic about the probability of a nuclear war, but also largely ignorant about the nature of nuclear weapons, according to a survey.

A survey published by *IT Times* to mark next week's showing of *The Day After* has revealed that more than half the people aged between 15 and 18 who were questioned thought that a nuclear war would occur in their lifetimes, and 70 per cent thought that one was inevitable one day.

But the 422 teenagers interviewed put little faith in unilateral disarmament. Nearly three quarters felt that it would have no effect on the policies of other countries, but nearly two thirds thought that the presence of nuclear weapons in Britain was no protection from attack.

Witnesses given cash by accused doctor

A doctor accused of serious professional misconduct said yesterday that he had given money to witnesses in his General Medical Council hearing.

Dr Dasrath Rai, aged 61, giving evidence to the professional conduct committee, admitted that after the hearing on Thursday he was approached by drug addicts.

"The first person approached me had no bus fare to go home. I gave him £1.

"A second person came up to me. He was from Worthing and had no money. I gave him £5.

It is alleged that Dr Rai sold prescriptions for hard drugs for £10 or £15 from his former private practice in Bateman Street, Soho, London, other than for bona fide treatment.

Dr Rai told the committee that he had told patients of the dangers of injecting by using Dicanol tablets, a heroin substitute.

"The people that died, injected. They didn't die from the treatment I tried to carry out."

Dr Rai said that he prescribed Dicanol because it was the most convenient drug to wear people off heroin.

"If I found a patient buying drugs on the black market I would take him off my list immediately."

He said that his initial fee was £30, which included a consultation and prescription.

Dr Rai said that he thought he took between £400 and £500 a week from March to October, 1982 - not £1,000 a week.

He denied that he had shown irresponsibility in his treatment of two patients who died.

The hearing continues

Dry summer seals Pakamac's fate

By Alan Hamilton

Pakamac, a name synonymous for the past quarter-century with the vagaries of the British weather, has fallen into the hands of the receiver.

By a cruel irony, the very unpredictability of British rain on which the company built its folding plastic raincoat fortune was in the end its downfall; this year's long dry summer dealt sales a mortal blow.

The firm was based, inevitably, in Manchester, the English capital of wet weather. This week two accountants from the firm of Deloitte Haskins and Sells moved into the company's headquarters at Warwick Mill in Middleton, north Manchester, to study the books in the hope of selling the business as a going concern.

Pakamac's directors derived little satisfaction from the fact that Mr Frank Mycroft, one of the receivers, arrived at Warwick Mill to assume control of the business with a tightly-rolled Pakamac in his briefcase.

From a heyday in the 1950s of selling 48,000 plastic raincoats every week, sales have collapsed to fewer than 4,000 a week.

The company, which has 185 workers, has not made profit since 1977. The original plastic raincoat, invented by a Mancunian called Cohen in the early 1950s, accounts for barely 10 per cent of production. And they are all made in China.

In recent years the company's principal line has been a folding nylon raincoat, actually made in Manchester. But this summer, with few showers on the horizon for weeks on end, demand collapsed.

That was a body blow to Pakamac, which had started the year well with a miserable winter and a disappointing spring.

Pakamac had tried recently to reduce its dependence on fluctuating sales governed by summer showers; last year two Pakamac directors, Mr Graham White and Mr Keith Manley, bought the business back from its parent company and tried to introduce more fashionable rainwear lines, but their scheme was ultimately unsuccessful.

When the Pakamac, essentially a plastic bag with sleeves, was introduced in the 1950s it cost 7s 6d and gained immediate popularity with office workers, walkers, golfers and housewives, as a light and convenient alternative to the standard belted gaberdine raincoat of the day. The Chinese-made version is still only £3.95, but the Manchester-made nylon foldaway retails at £13.95.

Severn Bridge critics win reassurance

Mr John Stradling Thomas, Minister of State at the Welsh Office, yesterday denied allegations that the government was "burying its head in the sand" over the problem of the Severn Bridge.

The Government, he said, appreciated the need to strengthen the bridge, to improve alternative routes and to start work on a second crossing of the Severn estuary. Options put forward by engineering consultants were being assessed.

Aid plan for uncommercial new books

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Book publishers and the Arts Council are working on the formation of a Literature Investment Trust which would subsidise the publication of uncommercial books.

The provisional estimates are that £150,000 would come from the Arts Council and £40,000 from publishers, the secretary general of the council, Mr Luke Ritter, said yesterday.

ITV microcomputer may be launched

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The independent television companies are to decide in about 10 days whether to compete with the success of the BBC Microcomputer and launch their own product.

Although several microcomputer companies have been investigated, including Transam, which is based in London, there is a division of opinion among the executives of the television companies. Those who oppose the scheme fear that a commitment to one product would rob them of advertising for competing products.

The Independent Television Companies Association's council meets on December 12. Talks with the Independent

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Aftermath of two jumbo jet disasters

Evidence points to human error as likely cause of Madrid crash

Human error is emerging as the most likely cause of the Boeing 747 crash in the vicinity of Madrid last Sunday...

The valley of the Jarama river, which has escarpments on either side. The pilot's course deviation took him over a range of low hills some 400ft above the valley floor...

"pull up" alarm of the Ground Proximity Warning System. There is speculation here that Captain Hernandez, who had worked for Avianca for 38 years...

equipped with both primary and secondary radar, and would therefore in theory have a clear visual record of these factors. However, a new system was brought into operation in September...

KAL relatives press for much more

Korean relatives of victims of the Korean Airlines disaster last September have joined their Japanese counterparts in turning down offers of compensation...

other expenses have been agreed but beyond that the battle-lines have been drawn in what is likely to be a legal contest lasting years.

account. Therefore the KAL offer of about one fifth that sum has had a decidedly negative effect in its country...

win more than the minimum pay-out seems remote. The absence of the flight recorder in the case of Flight 007 raises similar difficulties in the present claims.

Astronauts want extra day in space

The six-man crew of the space shuttle Columbia will be told this weekend whether they can remain in space an extra day. Their nine-day mission was originally scheduled to end next Wednesday...

Iran seeks doctors from abroad

Iran is trying hard to attract doctors to come and work here and at the same time improve its image abroad. More than 500 doctors from all over the world attended a five-day medical seminar in the Hilton Hotel in Tehran at Iran's expense.

So keen is the Government to attract doctors that Dr Hadi Mansafi, the Health Minister, said it would accept white South African doctors in Iran.

in the three-year-old war with Iraq. Diplomatic sources estimate that Iran has suffered 60,000 dead and wounded. The doctors were shown round Tehran hospitals with ward after ward filled with young men with mangled or missing limbs.

Perjury by environment official

Mrs Rita Lavelle, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, has been found guilty of perjury and of impeding congressional investigations into her handling of the agency's programme to clean up hazardous waste sites.



Perjuror's exit: Mrs Rita Lavelle leaving the Washington court after being found guilty of perjury

Time limit on damages claims

The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, sponsored by Mr Alexander Eadie (Midlothian, Lab) obtained its second reading in the Commons after Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, had said it was an important measure of law reform.

had been consultations with many interested parties. It restated the basic principle, though more clearly, that no action for personal injuries would be brought after three years from the date of the injury or the date that the claimant became aware of an injury.

Mr Eadie, explaining that the Bill would amend the law on time limits for bringing actions for damages for personal injuries or death, said it would cover not only the more obvious cases like road accidents but conditions which might not immediately be thought of as personal injury - such as those resulting from working in an unhealthy environment.

Bill against power sharing adjourned

A Bill seeking to end power-sharing in the Northern Ireland Assembly was tabled out in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Scott, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Expressing regret at the withdrawal of the Official Unionist members from the assembly, following the brutal regime of violence which Northern Ireland had endured, he said it was precisely the objective of the terrorists who committed the Derry atrocities to weaken and destabilise democratic institutions in the province.

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Mr Nicholas Scott said it was too early to say it would not in due course be possible to produce proposals for the devolution of power to the assembly. The need for widespread acceptance of the government of Northern Ireland was a recognition of the realities of life in the province and not just a matter of political argument in Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Foreign Minister, was thwarted.



Down and out: Mr Romulo, "an old engine in need of spare parts", after announcing his resignation.

Sick, worn-out politician wants to quit at 85

Manila (AP) - Weeping and describing himself as a sick, tired, old man, Mr Carlos Romulo the Philippine Foreign Minister, said he will retire on his eighty-fifth birthday next month. He recommended Mr Arturo Tolentino, a fellow assembly member as his successor.

Denmark opposes missiles

Denmark has become the second member of Nato to oppose the deployment of US nuclear missiles in Western Europe, the other objector being Greece. On Thursday night, a left-wing majority in the Folketing (parliament) led by the opposition Social Democrats, forced the Conservative-led minority coalition against its will to divorce Denmark officially from Nato missile policy at the next ministerial meeting of the alliance in Brussels on December 9.

Kohl rejects Pravda accusation

Bonn yesterday rejected Pravda's accusation that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had distorted the contents of President Andropov's letter to him, saying the Chancellor did not retract a single word of his interpretation. A spokesman said Dr Kohl, like other Western leaders who had received similar letters, had quoted Mr Andropov correctly. The Soviet side had to be asked why it did not stand by what it itself had said in the Andropov letter.

Paris prepares for huge anti-racist demonstration today

The largest anti-racist demonstration ever held in France is expected to take place in Paris today at the culmination of a 600-mile march lasting a month and a half by a handful of young Arab immigrants, most of them unemployed. The March for Racial Equality is the brainchild of Toumi Djaida, a young Algerian from the notorious immigrant ghetto of Les Minguettes, outside Lyons, who was seriously injured after being shot "accidentally" by a policeman. It was one of a series of similar incidents during the long hot summer with suspiciously racist overtones. In July there was a public outcry when Toufik Oannes, aged nine, was shot dead as he walked outside his tower block home in the Paris suburb of La Courneuve by an irate white resident who said he could not stand the noise. Further evidence of a rise in racism in the face of the worsening economic climate came in September when the National Front obtained a startling 17 per cent in the municipal by-elections in Dreux, a town to the south-west of Paris, early a quarter of whose inhabitants are immigrants without voting rights. A month later, some 30 young Muslims of North African origin set off to walk the length of France under a banner proclaiming: "Live together with our differences". They were joined en route by thousands of supporters, more violently racist crimes were taking place. A 26-year-old Algerian on holiday in France was beaten up by four drunken youths and buried to his death out of a speeding train. On November 19, another Algerian was shot dead by a Marseille customs officer who has since been charged with murder. The same week, a 17-year-old Algerian from Les Minguettes was shot dead by a French boy who claimed that his gun accidentally went off while he was cleaning it. The Socialist, Communist and other left-wing parties are in the forefront of the many organizations, including trade unions and churches, which have called on their members to join the grand finale of the anti-racist march at a Bastille today. The absence of any support from the Opposition parties is marked.

Late swing may help Caldera

Seven million Venezuelans go to the polls tomorrow to choose a new President, and the results looking far less clear-cut than they did even a few days ago. In the absence of up-to-date opinion polls - publication of which has been banned - it still seems likely that the opposition candidate, Señor Jaime Lusinchi of the Democratic Action (AD) Party, will win. He has been the front runner from the start, and enjoys solid support from both employers' organizations and the main trade unions. But the candidate of the ruling Christian Democrats, Señor Rafael Caldera, has made a strong late showing after a disastrous start to the campaign. His managers have been

Lambsdorff can now be prosecuted

The Bundestag formally voted yesterday to lift parliamentary immunity on Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister, so that the Bonn public prosecutor can serve an accusation of corruption on him. Count Lambsdorff was among the 43 people who were in Parliament early in the morning and voted unanimously to lift immunity. The prosecutor's office announced that it intends to serve the indictment sometime next week. The prosecutor also rejected Count Lambsdorff's accusations that it had misled him about the nature of the charges he might face. He said in a statement that Count Lambsdorff had been fully informed of the investigations and given photocopies of relevant documents. Meanwhile the Bundestag has approved a new law on the financing of political parties. This arose directly from the scandal surrounding the numerous payments by the giant Flick group of companies to politicians of all parties in the past. The main change in the new law is an increase in the amount of tax relief that can be claimed against donations, and a rise in the state contributions to political parties contesting elections. A main accusation in the uproar over Flick payments to leading West German politicians - apart from Count Lambsdorff and others accused of corruption - was that the official records were kept of the donations. Under the new law all payment above DM 20,000 (£2500) must be notified to the tax authorities. There was noisy argument in Parliament over a proposed amnesty for those who had broken the tax laws in making donations in the past. The Social Democrats wanted to strike out this amnesty, while the Government wanted to allow courts to decide the issue. A compromise eventually left the issue unsettled, and the new law was passed by a large majority. Only the Greens, who campaigned long over the Flick affair, voted against the law. The Bundestag also agreed that in future parties not only had to state the source of their funds but also to say what the money was spent on. Pressure on the Count to resign is mounting, and already speculation has begun over possible successors as Minister of Economic - Comparisons are being drawn with the Parkinson affair in Britain. However he decides, he will plunge his Free Democratic Party into a crisis.



confidently proclaiming that he has done enough to pip Señor Lusinchi at the post. Señor Caldera, who was President between 1969 and 1974, has striven to distance himself from the unpopular government of President Luis Herrera Campins and present himself as an experienced statesman, capable of uniting a divided country, and remaining above the undignified sectarian mud-slinging and dirty tricks that have marked the eight-month campaign. He has already announced the names of his hypothetical ministerial team, which includes some members of AD. A late trump card played by Señor Caldera was to take full page advertisements, quoting the national hero, Simon Bolivar, as saying that "in order to do things well, they have to be done twice." The late surge by Señor Caldera has been helped by the weakness of the AD candidate, who has been portrayed as an easy-going lightweight. The two left wing candidates - Señor Teodoro Petkoff of Movement Towards Socialism (MVS) and Señor José Vicente Rangel backed by a 12-party coalition - are expected to get between 10 and 15 per cent of the votes between them.

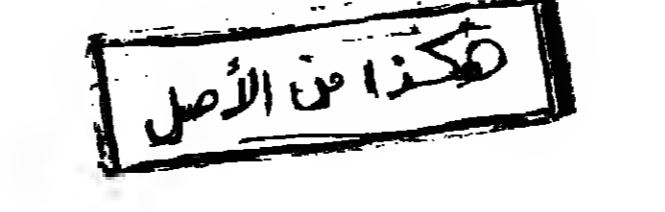
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SPORTING DIARY

Potent penalty

A warning to all footballers: do not score a hat-trick. A man can get himself sent off that way.

Mr Thomas, who booked seven people and sent off an eighth (for non-scoring offences) in a midweek match, is concerned that running at crowds and making phallic gestures of delight and defiance to friend and foe causes crowd violence.

Hard Times

Spare a thought for Paul Harrison. For the first time in three seasons of reporting on volleyball for The Times, he had a real news story: mighty Speedwell Rucanor's run of 79 wins ended last weekend.

Orient excess

The Orient Express trip to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup will set you back £120, but don't try to sneak on board without a ticket.

Red letter day

Officials in East Germany are unhappy about their visa application forms for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles next summer.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least we get good reception on Radio Luxembourg'

Dressed to kilt

Darts players are ready to cast aside their embroidered maternity smocks and don dinner suits.

Swanning about

And the result of the varsity match is: Cambridge University 100 points (15 goals 10 behind; Oxford 51 points (seven goals, nine behind).

Starting Price

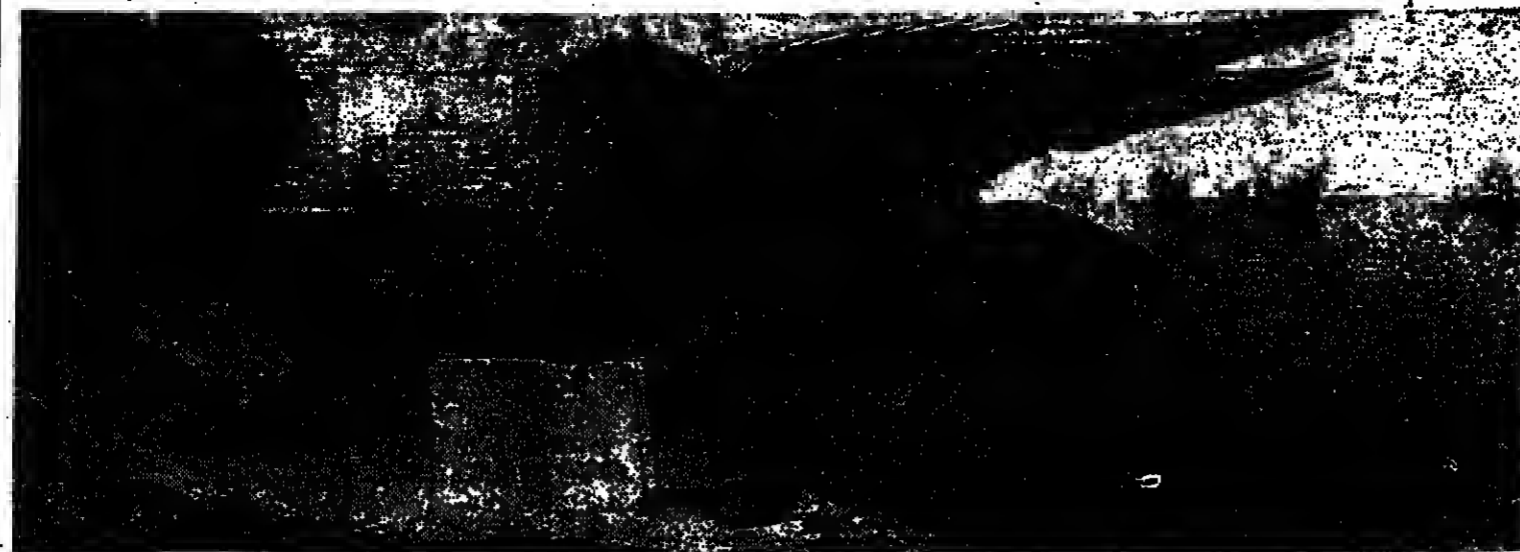
If the bookies trembled at Fontwell Park last week, who can blame them? The effervescent former trainer Ryan Price was making his first trip to the races for 14 months after being laid low by illness.

Nice one, Fred

Freddie Trueman has probably caused more radios to be dropped through more french windows than any other sport commentator.

Now I learn of another fine example of Trueman at work. Commenting on a match between Australia and West Indies, with Australia 100 for two, Trueman said: "Winston Davis knows he can never be a fast bowler."

Bernard Levin at the Royal Academy



Carpaccio's Lion: from the Doge's Palace to pride of place in Piccadilly

A vastness of Venice but still not enough

The painting is "of great chromatic intensity".

Retrace your steps. Enter the first gallery you looked across to see the Lotto. It is bulging with Titians; the exhibition includes 20 of his paintings, together with eight drawings.

Titinotero is represented almost as simply as Titian; so is Veronese, on whom I do more than any of the other artists of Venice (would that it had been possible to remove the end wall of Gallery X from the Accademia and bring it here to show us his Supper at the House of Levi, at 42 feet of it).

There is no painting by Carpaccio other than the Lion, but there are three drawings, and one of them will make every Carpaccio-lover, and indeed every Venice-lover, howl with the yearning to go at once to the Scuola di S. Giorgio degli Schiavoni, for it is a sketch of what became the last picture in the St Jerome series there, little white dog and all.

I could go on for hours picking plums out of the pie, but this exhibition is not just a collection of masterpieces; it is the gorgeous sun-face of Venice in the days of her swelling pride and assured achievement.

The sixteenth century is the story of how Venice regained her former position; 72 years after the first Lepanto, she had her revenge at the second.

Cervantes on his galley sets the sword back in the sheath (Don John of Austria rides homeward with a wreath).

We see the work of some of the most confident artists in all history, painting, living and working in a polity that has not yet lost its overweening confidence in its own power, riches and endurance. They

were not the geniuses who adorn the Academy, court painters in any sense; they had to watch their step, of course, and Venetians got into frightful trouble with the Inquisition for Supper at the House of Levi itself, being accused of blasphemy for the wonderful informality of it all.

The exhibition is vast, but I would have liked it vaster; I would like to have seen more of the objects - glass, jewelry, furniture of sixteenth century Venice (there are some small sculptures, most of them small, which hint at what we are missing).

On the whole, the artists of sixteenth century Venice did not paint their own history or their own time, apart from what can be read from their portraits.

The Venice exhibition ends on March 11.

J. Enoch Powell

Time to ring round our illusions

It is 23 years since Britain announced that "the recognition and maintenance of the independence and territorial integrity and security of the Republic of Cyprus" was in the common interest of itself, Greece and Turkey.

Part of Cyprus has now seceded from the republic and declared itself an independent republic. This does not appear to be a breach of the treaty, since none of the four parties to it have apparently failed to "prohibit any activity aimed at promoting" that outcome.

Our interests in 1983 are not the same as were our interests in 1960. It does not matter a fig to us whether Cyprus comprises two republics or one republic. Even supposing that the residual republic tried to vent its displeasure upon us by calling the sovereign base areas into doubt, the question would still have to be answered: what British interest do the base areas serve?

So far from the bases being a British interest in 1983, they are a menace to our interest. The detachment of 100 British soldiers in Lebanon is evidence, by its insignificance, that no real British interest there is at stake and that no physical British effort is being exerted.

It is also evidence of the assumed imperative of British policy - that wherever the United States gets into a scrape we must arrange to get some of the egg on our own face. The sovereignty bases west of the 100 men in Lebanon. But although not physically essential, they are still psychologically effective, in sustaining the delusion that Britain has a presence in the Levant.

British policy has not yet come to terms with the modern facts of geopolitics. In a military sense our real power and interests may be represented by concentric rings with the point of the compass upon the United Kingdom, rings in which power and interest diminish progressively in inverse ratio to the square of the distance from the centre.

Roy Strong

Essentially English, with a new vitality

Just before the last war my late mother-in-law's nanny had a farm outside Henley from which "a nice young Mr Piper" used to give her lifts into town.

Mine was that of a generation which grew up on King Penguins and Penguin Modern Painters. The former, which appeared in 1950, was the volume dedicated to the Romney Marsh with its watercolours of landscapes and buildings already executed in that idiosyncratic alliance of crayon, wash and ink which Piper developed over the years as his particular vehicle for interpreting the countryside.

I was also hypnotised by one of his earliest theatre designs for the ballet The Quest. I remember Doris Langley Moore later telling me she had to concoct a patriotic plot in order to get Ashton out of the army to appear - and what better source than Book One of the Faerie Queen.

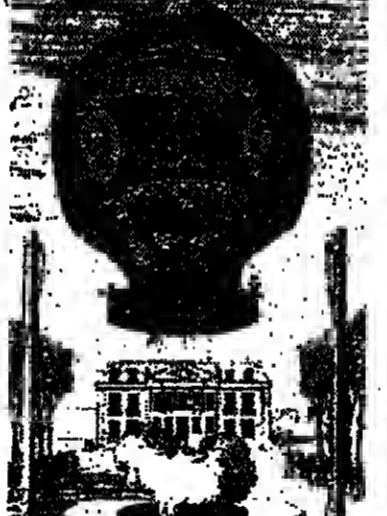
These are early impressions made on an adolescent by an artist whose 80th birthday we now celebrate. There can have been few so prolific in this century, literally thousands of drawings, paintings, graphic works, theatre design, stained glass, photography and ceramics. What small verse can I possibly add to the hymn of praise now arising?

What I wish to sing about may seem a small and very insular thing, Piper's very Englishness. The work of other giants of his generation - Moore, Hepworth, Sutherland or Nicholson - could, in the main, be plucked down anywhere. They are products of international modernism. Their imagery and iconography have been less tempered by the vast literary and visual heritage of their own country.



Piper: elegies and polemics forms the least attractive aspect of Pevsner's mighty series. The Betjeman-Piper approach is romantic and historical, totally un-Germanic, in fact rather dilettante and literary. And, as in the case of the topographical work, this forms a peculiarly English way of looking at things.

Two hundred years ago the first manned balloon took off from Paris on its maiden flight (right), carrying with it man's hope of liberation from his earth-bound existence. Richard Holmes looks back to those pioneers of gasbag grandeur and reflects on its jet-age renaissance



individualism that made them flamboyant prophets of the scientific age. They had the meticulousness of the technocrat, and the mildly deranged romanticism of the poet.

But to fly for real: this added a wholly new dimension to human hopes. The intrepid balloonists (the adjective became their exclusive pattern) created a new kind of folk hero for western scientific culture.

For ballooning has always had its

Quixotic aspect, part comic and part catastrophic. The spectacular airship crashes of the 1930s convinced most people that the future lay with fixed-wing aircraft.

Yet the balloon, like the phoenix, was very far from burnt out. Since the 1960s it has undergone a fantastic renaissance, both as a sporting and exploratory vehicle.

The French philosopher Gaston Bachelard has written in his wonderful study, L'Air et les Songes, the eternal human dream of the "aerial experience" of the "liberating airborn movement", of free ascent and descent, as a necessity of the imagination, as part of our very notion of what "freedom" is.

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AGENDA FOR ATHENS

The sometimes superficially absurd manoeuvres of members of the House of Commons who are trying to make a point can often illuminate political reality in a way that nothing else does. So it was this week when nearly a third of the Conservative Party twisted itself into knots in an attempt to give the Prime Minister a little helpful guidance in advance of her journey tomorrow to the European Economic Community's summit at Athens.

that she could not get the assent of her party for an agreement at any price. What is more, she will be helped by the fact that the governments with which she is negotiating will have taken that point, too.

prosperity in the Community, we should in effect be paying less because we should get money back next year. Such repayment almost certainly cannot be without raising the element of "own resources" which is calculated as a national (and harmonized) 1 per cent of the VAT tax base.

THE PLACE OF PAROLE

The Home Secretary has now given to Parliament a fuller statement of his policy of curtailing the privilege of release on licence for prisoners convicted of certain types of murder and the privilege of parole in the case of prisoners given a determinate sentence of more than five years for crimes of violence or drug trafficking.

there was a greater likelihood of their constituting a danger to members of the public if released. That is not Mr Brittan's reason for changing the rules. His reason has to do with deterrence and the exaction of condign punishment.

Parole came in when there was more confidence than there is today in the reformatory effect of penal regimes. It came in under the heading "treatment of offenders" with its medical overtones suggestive of a moral or behavioural disorder capable of responding to an appropriate course of professional treatment.

Concern at airline safety record

From the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Sir, For some time now our membership, in the form of cabin crews and indeed all airport workers, have viewed with some concern the fact that there had been a clear relaxation in safety measures as compared with a few years ago because apparently fierce competition is encouraging some airlines to cut corners on safety in an effort to reduce costs.

Politics and examination results

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Durham North (Labour). Sir, Your leading article, "No closed book at the DES" (December 1), was a thoroughly irresponsible and ill-founded attack on the competence and integrity of officials at the Department of Education and Science.

Keeping telecom wires uncrossed

From Mr John Bray. Sir, There is an aspect of the current debate on the privatisation of British Telecom that has hardly been mentioned but which could be of vital importance to present and future users. It is the likelihood that unrestricted privatisation would seriously impair the integrity of the national telecommunication network - that is, the quality and reliability of the service provided.

Calke Abbey

From Mr James Lees-Milne. Sir, Mr Nicholas Baker (November 25) is assuming that the National Trust is greedily demanding yet another grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund to buy and endow a second-rate house and estate, namely Calke Abbey.

Oxford admissions

From Mr O. P. Taplin. Sir, In the correspondence about the new admissions system here in Oxford the impression might have been given by some letters that there could still be changes in it.

What Keynes meant

From Professor Z. A. Silbertson. Sir, Keynes may have been witty (letter, November 23), but he was not primarily concerned with being witty when he wrote, "In the long run we are all dead."

Disruption of concert

From Miss Deborah Bazalgette. Sir, I was present at the concert given yesterday evening by the USSR Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall. During the short break between the first and second movements of Prokofiev's Classical Symphony groups of demonstrators, strategically placed around the auditorium, shouted very loudly in defence of Soviet Jewry and had to be removed so that the concert could continue.

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From the Reverend Frank R. Claburn. Sir, Your intelligent and provocative leader (November 21, The Way of the Cross) has left me in a turmoil the writer may not have predicted; I agree so much that I am in danger of joining him (or her?) in our own particular schism.

Security check

From Commander G. Cobb, RN (ret). Sir, The recent theft of 6,800 bars of gold from a security warehouse reminds me of an occasion in 1940 when, in charge of a file of Royal Marines, I had to meet a bullion train, in the middle of the morning rush hour, at St Enoch station in Glasgow for transport across the Atlantic, destined for Fort Knox.

Fear of police powers

From the Secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales. Sir, The continuing representations that police powers of detention are to be increased by the proposals in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill need to be answered. In particular your correspondent, Mr Blok (November 16), who describes the proposed Bill as horrendous and says that there will be a dramatic increase in the number of persons held for longer than a day and also to the numbers of those charged on the basis of admissions alone, is just not recognising the proposals and the safeguards in the interest of the citizen.

Pakistan invitation

From Mr Ahmad Bashir. Sir, Your advice (November 22) to the Commonwealth leaders assembled at Delhi to extend an invitation to the military government of Pakistan to rejoin the Commonwealth (which the elected government had previously quit) is indeed deplorable.

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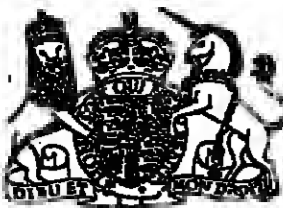
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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

CRICKINGHAM PALACE. December 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today opened Receptions for St James's lace for young people who have inherited the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

of higher and honorary degrees at the University of Lancaster.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

A memorial service for Charles K. Phillips will be held today at 3 at Great St Mary's, Cambridge.



Ancient and modern: Looks of anger, joy, pain, wonder and fear in five contemporary faces witnessing an ancient event. Eric Scott, aged 38, a self-taught artist from Sunderland, now living in Cornwall (seen with his painting), used his father, brother, girlfriend and two close friends to set the Crucifixion in a modern context. His 8ft by 6ft canvas goes on show from Monday until January 14 at the Nicholas Treadwell Gallery, Chiltern Street, London, with 24 other modern religious paintings, in response to a marked revival of interest

Science and religion

Paradoxes of physics and theology

What is light? What is matter? These are questions fundamental to a scientific understanding of the world. Or are they? Thus, concepts like "wave" and "particle" apply not to objects themselves (light or matter) but to how we interact with them. There are wave-like interactions and particle-like interactions, and that is all. It being physically impossible to perform both types of experiment at the same time; there is never a need to invoke both concepts simultaneously. So provided we stick to interactions, there is no paradox.

Luncheons

HM Government. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, will be at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday, to honour Mr R. F. Botha, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Information of South Africa.

Dinner

Old Merchant Tailors' Society. Mr F. J. Spragg, President of the Old Merchant Tailors' Society, presided at the annual dinner held at Merchant Tailors' Hall last night.

Service dinners

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery. The Moderator of the Officers of 1st Regiment (The Chestnut Troop, B E and HQ Batteries) Royal Horse Artillery held their annual reunion dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich yesterday.

Services tomorrow

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8.30 AM. 10.30. Morning Prayer. Rev. G. J. Guinness, Rector. The Right Rev. E. C. Knatchbull, Bishop of London. Rev. E. C. Knatchbull, Bishop of London. Rev. E. C. Knatchbull, Bishop of London.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Alexander Mair-Mackenzie, Bt, and Miss C. Hayler. The engagement is announced between Alexander Alwynne Britton, son of the late Sir Robert Mair-Mackenzie, Bt, and the late Lady Mair-Mackenzie, and stepson of Lady Mair-Mackenzie of Poole Street, London, and Susan Carolyn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. H. Hayler, of Kinghams, Highleaze, Newbury, Berkshire.

Birthdays

TODAY: Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel Smith, 84; Mr Leslie Ames, 78; Mr Walter Anderson, 73; Mr Trevor Bailey, 60; Mr Charles Craig, 63; Mr Mike Gibson, 41; Sir William Harpham, 77; Professor G. S. Kirk, 62; Sir Neil Martin, 67; Miss Tanya Mosier-Witich, 59; Air Marshall Sir Douglas Morris, 75; the Rev Professor C. F. D. Moule, 75; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, 75; Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, 68.

Marriages

Mr J. S. B. Eynon and Miss T. Colley. The marriage took place on November 30 at Anchorage, Alaska, between Mr J. S. B. (Freddie) Eynon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Eynon of Barton's Hood, Lunnon Hill, Parkmill, Swansea, West Glamorgan, and Miss T. Colley, daughter of the late Raymond Colley and Mrs Elizabeth Colley, of Washington State, United States.

Reception

Gallagher - Northern Ireland. MR Dennis Faulkner, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Board of Directors, gave a reception on Thursday evening at St John's, Smith Square, after a concert by the Ulster Orchestra. Among the guests were:

Science report

Teeth yield clues to ancient man

The microscopic study of teeth found on archaeological sites is yielding information about the diet and stresses of ancient communities. Dr Simon Hillson, an archaeological scientist leading a team at Lancaster University, said it is possible to tell, for example, how children were looked after and whether they lived healthy lives.

OBITUARY SIR ROWLAND BAKER

Design of naval craft. Sir Rowland Baker, OBE, who died on November 25 aged 75 was one of the outstanding Naval Constructors of recent times. He was born at Sheerness on June 3 1908 and brought up on a working Thames barge. After an apprenticeship at Sheerness Dockyard he won a Cadetship to the RN College, Greenwich in 1927, graduating as an Assistant Constructor.

DAME IDA MANN

Dame Ida Mann, OBE, who died in Perth, Australia, on November 19 at the age of 90, was a distinguished pioneer in ophthalmology. She was the only woman ever to be elected as Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Moorfields eye hospital in London, and the only Professor of Ophthalmology at Oxford University.

SEMYON IGNATIEV

Mr Semyon Ignatiev, who has died at the age of 79, was Stalin's last Minister of State Security from 1951 onwards. As such he was principally responsible for the investigation of the so-called "Doctors Plot", in which a group of leading Kremlin doctors was accused of having murdered Zhdanov in 1948 and of seeking to undermine the health of other Soviet leaders. Most of them were Jewish and the fabricated case had strong anti-Semitic overtones.

LOTTE EISNER

Lotte Eisner, who died in Paris on November 26 aged 67, was one of the best-known European film critics. She was born on March 6, 1896. This was three days before the Lumiere cinematographe made its first public appearance in London: so that her life was exactly contemporary with the cinema itself. Her father was head of the old-established family export firm in Berlin and a magistrate. At the University of Greifswald she studied archaeology; her dissertation was on Greek painted vases.

Advertisement for Cartier watches featuring an image of a Cartier watch and the text 'le mut de Cartier boutique HARVEY NICHOLS, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON SW3. TELEPHONE 01-235 5000.'

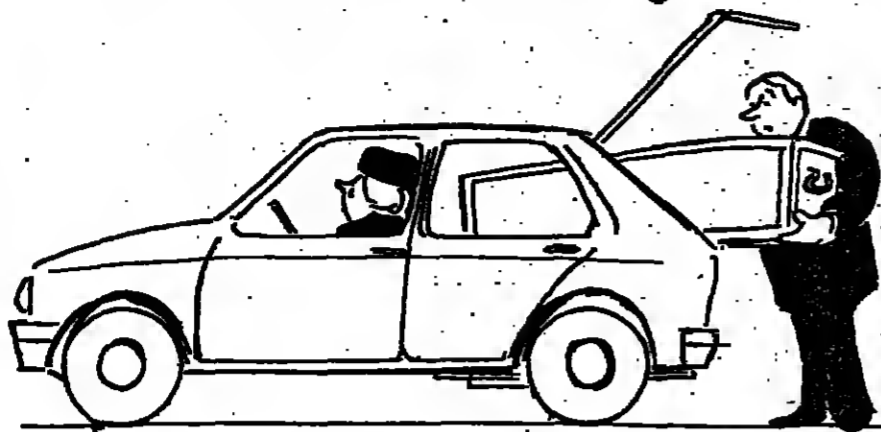
Large advertisement for Fidelity Investments with the slogan 'Fidelity's strength' and 'Fidelity's security'.

Handwritten note in Arabic script: 'عقدنا من الأصل'.

FAMILY MONEY

Funeral expenses

Cost of dying rises, but DIY burials rejected



"IT'S A GOOD THING WE GOT THE HATCHBACK"

The cost of dying, like everything else, goes up, but this year funeral directors have managed to keep prices below the rate of inflation, according to a survey of funeral expenses.

The average funeral now costs £370, representing a rise of less than 5 per cent on last year in spite of increased cemetery charges and doctors' and clergy fees. This information is based on a sample survey conducted in eight areas throughout England by the Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society. With the government grant toward death expenses still at only £30, this leaves a large sum of money still to be found.

But have you ever thought of a 'do-it-yourself' or family funeral? This idea is put forward (and I should add, rejected) by the vicar of Enfield, the Rev Bill Bowder, who completed the survey of funeral directors. For such a "DIY" funeral, you would have to buy a coffin which would cost about £30, with linings and handles an extra £5 or £10. The death certificate is usually handed to the nearest relative, but a second certificate is required for cremation.

The hospital authorities would be the next hurdle because some have a rule that they will release bodies only to an undertaker. "However, perseverance should win through red tape," says Mr Bowder.

Cemeteries and crematoria vary in their willingness to entertain the idea of a non-standard funeral. One crematorium in the north of England at first refused to accept a coffin that was not in a barse, but relented when it was pointed out that

it used a van to remove a body from hospital.

So with the hire charges for a van, doctor's certificates and an average crematorium fee of £50, a non-standard funeral without benefit of clergy could add up to £150.

"Would it be worth it?" asked Mr Bowder. "In the face of very real difficulties which would arise with reluctant officials and the possibility of delays and the overwhelming emotional bur-

den it would place on oneself after a death, the answer has got to be - oo. It is under such conditions one would realize what sterling yet unsung work the funeral director does for his client."

With this sort of conclusion it is not surprising that the National Association of Funeral Directors broadly approves of the survey. But the association, which represents 2,300 undertakers handling 80 per cent of

someone who lives outside the area.

Camden, for instance, which has a policy of preferring local residents, charges £70 for people living in Camden and £210 for people who have moved away and want to return to be buried.

Mr Bowder's survey for the Odd Fellows Society showed that basic funeral costs varied between £105 for a hospital contract in Lowestoft, Suffolk, to £581 for one in Worthing, Sussex. The cheapest funerals on offer from the undertakers in 14 areas, excluding the hospital contract, ranged from £150 in Leeds to £350 in Worthing.

A number of undertakers, concerned about the huge variations across the country and pressing for a standardization of the fees charged by local authorities for cemetery and graveyard services.

But a funeral director in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, says that there can never be a standard price for a funeral. His company operates from a three-storey Georgian building set in ornamental gardens and cannot compete in prices with the high street shop.

"Our nearest crematorium is a round trip of 25 miles," he said. "Our clients, whatever their financial situation, are more concerned with value for money than with a cheap funeral."

An Otley, Yorkshire, undertaker, whose funeral costs average £400 to £600, said: "We care too much about our calling to do a 'cheap' funeral."

And a Norwich, Norfolk, undertaker said that people should be educated about the costs of funerals and encouraged to take out insurance to cover them. "People think

funerals disputes the average cost.

The association believes that it is more like £350 for an undertaker's fees with another £150 for the extras bringing the total cost of £500. It says the £370 figure which excludes so many extras is "misleading."

The average figure in itself can be misleading as regional variations are so great. Local authorities can charge over £300 to open up a grave for

outing of spending £1,000 on holidays abroad. They want a high standard of life but they do not want to pay for a high standard of death."

Undertakers' fees are modest, he added, compared with vicars charging £16.50 an hour plus travelling expenses and doctors spending 20 minutes on a death certificate for which they are paid £32 plus travel.

The Odd Fellows who commissioned the survey offer whole life insurance policies which pay out when you die.

They may not be the best value on the market but offer a fair return. A man of 40 would have to pay £1.95 a year for 20 years for every £100 insured, a man of 49, £4.25 and a man of 59, £6.40 a year for 10 years. And a man of 74 in good health could get cover for his death for £13.35 a year for every £100 covered.

Vivien Goldsmith

Planning condition outwith power of applicant not invalid

Grampian Regional Council and Another v City of Aberdeen District Council

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkaid, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill and Lord Bridge of Harwich (Speeches delivered November 24)

A condition imposed on a grant of planning permission that the development permitted was not to proceed unless and until a road closure had been brought about was valid notwithstanding that it was not wholly within the power of the applicant for permission to bring about the first restriction.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the City of Aberdeen District Council from the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Emslie, Lord President, Lord Cameron and Lord Grieve) on January 18, 1983, (1983 SLT 526) who had allowed an appeal by the first respondent, the Grampian Regional Council, from the second respondent, the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The provisions of sections 26(1), 38, 39 and 198(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, referred to by Lord Keith are reproduced in identical terms in sections 29(1), 41, 42 and 209(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

Mr J. T. Cameron, QC and Mr R. S. Keen (both of the Scottish Bar) appeared for the appellants, Lord Cameron QC and Mr A. F. Rodger (both of the Scottish Bar) for Grampian and the secretary of state.

LORD KEITH said that Grampian had applied to Aberdeen and to Kincardine and Deeside District Council, the local planning authorities, for planning permission for the change of use of land lying across the authorities' boundaries from agricultural to industrial and approval of a site layout. The authorities had failed to issue determinations within the statutory time limit, and Grampian had appealed against the deemed refusals of permission to the secretary of state.

The reporter to whom determination of the appeals had been delegated had refused them on the sole ground of traffic safety. He had considered that the hazard would be removed if Wellington Road to the south of the site were to be closed, and had then considered whether it would be competent to grant planning permission subject to a condition requiring the closure of Wellington Road.

He had concluded that, since it did not lie wholly within Grampian's power to secure the closure of the road, because any closure order that they might make (under section 12 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1970) would require confirmation by the secretary of state, which, in the event of objections, would not necessarily be granted, the imposition of such a condition would not be competent.

The issue to the appeal turned on the nature of conditions that might lawfully be attached to a grant of planning permission under section 26(1) of the 1972 Act. The power to attach conditions was expressed in the widest possible terms: "the local planning authority... may grant planning permission... subject to such conditions as they think fit."

The power was not, however, unlimited. The nature of the limitations was well settled by authority and had been emphatically stated by Viscount Dilhorne in *Newbury District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* (1981 AC 578, 599-600):

"It follows that the conditions imposed must be for a planning purpose and not for an ulterior one, and that they must fairly and reasonably relate to the development permitted. Also they must not be so unreasonable that no reasonable planning authority could have imposed them."

Grampian's argument, which had prevailed before the First Division, accepted that a condition requiring them to secure the closure of Wellington Road would be invalid in so far as it required confirmation by the secretary of state. It contended, however, that the condition would be valid in so far as it required the secretary of state to confirm the closure of Wellington Road.

The Master of the Rolls said that the appellants' argument was based on a mistaken view of the law. They were entitled to think that their case could be distinguished from that of *Eckman*. Their Lordships were clearly of the opinion that their case was not different. For that reason the accountants were technically in contempt of court.

The court would order that the accountants divulge the information asked for. The content of the union's officials was irrelevant to the case.

Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Kerush Gassman & Matthews; Church Adams Tatham & Co for Cobbeis, Manchester; Clifford-Turner, Durrant Paines.

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BOXING: BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Board's policy means that viewers must miss a classic

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

It is a pity that the British Boxing Board of Control's policy of limiting promoters to four days a year when they can arrange for bouts to be televised on the day they take place will prevent the British lightweight championship from being shown on ITV screens this afternoon.

The viewers will be missing the best of British courage and skill when George Feneoy, of Harlepool, defends his title against Too Willis, of Liverpool, at the Regent Crest Hotel, Marylebone, London.

The two men, though virtually unknown to the general public, are boxers of the highest standing in Britain and their contrasting styles would make exciting watching.

Feneoy, the boxer, has the perfect temperament to weather the assaults of Willis, the boxer-fighter.

The champion is never rattled even when the punches are landing on his nose, a part of his face which has an aversion to being pushed around.

Willis, too, has a good temperament but he is not quite so phlegmatic as Feneoy. He can get rattled when things are not going his way though usually his uncompro-



Willis: lively challenger

mission attitude has always prevailed.

Willis has won all his 13 bouts, the last six inside the distance. A double ABA light welterweight champion, he found his way past the hard men of the Moscow Olympics to win a bronze medal, and should be able to fight a route round Feneoy's jab sooner or later.

The upright champion prides himself on going the distance (only Andeh has stopped him, in Lagos) and it was because of the 14 punishing rounds that Feneoy had to go through to stop Ray Catouse that the board decided to cut the championship distance down from

15 to 12 rounds. But Willis could prove a little too lively and his greater stamina punches could make him the first home boxer to stop Feneoy.

In fact of the fact that ITV's programme flexibility is restricted by commercial considerations and also because they pay 50 per cent more for same-day showings than delayed screenings, the board might have relaxed their television policy.

A few days ago, Ray Clarke, the secretary of the board, told me that the way out of this impasse was for Frank Warren, a promoter who has worked with ITV, to put on shows at different venues under the names of different licence-holders. Warren was prepared to do this, but when the proposition was put to the board by ITV it was considered to have come too late to be practicable.

There had been some doubts about the contest going on at all. The board is so concerned that unless they received a written assurance from Warren that he would not show the bout the same day on television they would withdraw the offer. Yesterday, Mr Clarke denied this. The universities and hospitals championships will be held at Mountford Hall, Liverpool University today.

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ATHLETICS: BUILDING HIGH, GETTING HIGH

Americans Making moves to build a pyramid for the sport chief says

By Pat Butcher

The long road to a single governing body for athletics in Britain should pass an important milestone today. The working party report on amalgamation of the 19 bodies which currently administer athletics in Britain is to be debated by the AAA general committee in London. The report proposes the dissolution of the British Amateur Athletic Board, and that a United Kingdom AAA be set up.

That might sound like replacing one federation with another, but in reality the UKAAA would be a proper pyramid, with power at the top, whereas the BAAB was founded over 50 years ago, simply to organize international matches, and its power base has always been in the national organizations, and principally in the AAA, which administers English men's athletics.

Heaving Cram, Coc, Overt, Moorehead and Thompson under their auspices is the reason why the AAA, just one of the eight principal governing bodies - the men's and women's associations of the four home countries - could suggest, or even demand, this move to amalgamation.

There would still be national organizations for the four home countries, but the men and women would be administered by one body. The proposal is for a council of 19 people with five paid officers, to administer coaching, finance, home affairs, international affairs and promotions. If the general committee accepts the report it will go to an extraordinary general meeting of the clubs. And they have threatened strong action if the committee ignore their wishes.

The appearance of Steve Overt, against Roger Hackney, Steve Jones, Steve Harris, Mike Grant, Barry Smith and Dave Bedford in the Raik Xerox 10k road race in Battersea Park tomorrow is the principal domestic fixture of the weekend. But there will be much interest in the reappearance of Alberto Salazar, who is due to run the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan, also tomorrow.

Waldemar Cierpinski, the double Olympic champion from East Germany, is also scheduled to run the Helme, of Britain's, who was second in this year's London Marathon.

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HOCKEY

Britain in search of lost horizon

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain men's hockey team, with Roger Self, manager, and David Whitaker, coach, leave for Hongkong today in a try to regain their lost horizon - a place in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next year. Their final ranking in the 10-nations Hongkong tournament, will be taken into account when the technical committee of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) meet in January to select the 12 teams for Los Angeles.

The British team does not have a complete schedule of matches, knowing only that their first game is against Pakistan on 11. "It is difficult," Self said yesterday, "to plan any strategy without knowing specifically the order in which our opponents appear."

"We have prepared the British team as well as we have been able to, and were permitted to do by the respective constituent associations."

This last remark refers to the question of the availability of players and he has had about four months in which to prepare a force for his own "Battle of Britain".

Self has implications for his squad of 16 which contains only one player from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland, and 13 from England. No players were several years.

"I refuse to accept that we are ill-prepared. We have many experienced international players in the squad, and our only minor problem is to build up a unity of purpose, spirit, and confidence to our ability."

Self coached Southgate to three successive triumphs in the European Club championship from 1976 to 1978, and in the same capacity helped Wales to achieve their only three victories over England, the most recent at Penarth in 1973.

As the British team had missed the bus for the 1976 Games in Montreal, having lost a three-match play off to Belgium in Amsterdam, the Great Britain Hockey Board, appointed Self to prepare a team for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

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WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table of sports fixtures including Football (Premier, First, Second, Third, Fourth divisions), Scottish Premier, Scottish First, Scottish Second divisions, Rugby Union (Scottish, English, Welsh, Irish), Women's County Championship, Volleyball, English League, Scottish League, and Basketball (National, First, Second divisions).

TOMORROW

Table of sports fixtures for the following day, including Football (Premier, First, Second divisions), Rugby League (First, Second divisions), Hockey (National League, Scottish League), and Basketball (National League, First, Second divisions).

Large table of Unit Trust Prices - change on the week, listing various investment funds and their performance metrics.

Albion to provide good test of Arsenal attitude

It has become increasingly evident that the cult of the manager is being superseded by the cult of the chairman. Yesterday it went a step further with Arsenal's chairman Peter Hill-Wood giving his players their pre-match pep talk.

Football: Chairman tries to solve Highbury crisis

West Bromwich themselves make four changes after their midweek Milk Cup defeat, but as a result of injuries, Regis, Robertson, Jol and Whitham all dropping out, Bennett, Monaghan, Mackenzie and Webb come in.

Davis leads as White struggles to survive

Steve Davis, a model of consistency, has more than held his own against Jimmy White, by five frames to three at the halfway stage of their semi-final match in the UK snooker championship.

Rugby Union: Three international matches

Leicester field their five England backs and three Under-23 wings against the Road against Gloucester, who have opted for Orwin and Fidler at lock to the exclusion of Boyle.

Scottish squad built on European club success

A party of players endowed with the talent to bring signs of envy from practically every other European country was announced yesterday by the manager, Jack Stein.

Another Swansea blow as Livermore goes

A month after taking over from John Toshack, who resigned as manager of Swansea City, Doug Livermore, the club's former coach, has decided to call it a day.

Blissett exchange denied

Milan (AP) - A spokesman of AC Milan yesterday described as "ridiculous and groundless" reports that they might exchange Loris Blissett for Norman Whiteside.

Echoes of the past in Romanian challenge

Tomorrow's game between France and Romania holds a special significance as it takes place a fortnight after the Welsh debacle in Bucharest and France's win against Australia to the second international.

Wolves pay for Crainie

Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday completed the signing of Danny Crainie, a midfield player, for an appeal court to pay 777,106 francs (151,900) in compensation to a supporter.

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Rio de Janeiro, (AP) - Maracaña stadium, the world's largest football park and an internationally known sports landmark, may close because of financial problems.

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Wenzel back to form in World Cup slalom

Kranjic Goraz, Yugoslavia (Reuters) - Andreas Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, yesterday won a special slalom, the opening men's race of the Alpine World Cup season.

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RACING: LEADING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLERS IN OPPOSITION AT SANDOWN PARK

Bright Oasis to end drought over right trip

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
Bright Oasis can give Kim Bailey, his young trainer, the biggest success of his training career at Sandown Park today by winning the valuable Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle.

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
Oasis should be fitter than Secret Ballot, Alastor O Mavour and Patrick's Fair other of whom have run this season.

With Statesmanship, Absarok, Paris North and Princess Henham all standing their ground, the Mecca Bookmakers Three-Year-Old Championship has lived up to its billing.

Cook loses job

Paul Cook will not be riding for Harry Thomson Jones, the Newmarket trainer next season. Thomson Jones said at Newmarket yesterday: "Paul and I are parting company by mutual consent."



Catch Phrase leads the pursuing group behind Desert Orchid, who is out of the picture. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Silver Buck looks good as gold

Silver Buck and Robert Ernshaw, the joint heroes of the 1982 Cheltenham Gold Cup should prove they are formidable in partnership as ever by beating Observe in the Rehearsal Chase at Chesham this afternoon.

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String of birdies helps Ballesteros to go ahead

Sum City Bophuthatswana (AP) Severiano Ballesteros collected his fifth birdie on the par-four 17th hole yesterday to go one stroke ahead of Nick Faldo.

The first-day leader, David Graham, of Australia, faltered twice on the front nine but birdied three holes coming in for a one-under-par 71, maintaining a lead of 138 at professional Association senior class in Florida.

Success on a plate for Miss Navratilova

Melbourne (Reuter) - Martina Navratilova began her pursuit of the third leg of the grand slam with an emphatic 6-0, 7-5, win over fellow-American, Heather Ludloff, in the first round of the Australian Open yesterday.

Unruffled Miss Daniels

By a Special Correspondent
Carol Daniels, an American who was asked to qualify for the first of the LTA's satellite tournaments a month ago, yesterday won £800 and a place in the 1984 Tournament of Champions.

W Indians score quick runs on docile pitch

Durban (Reuter) - A West Indian XI scored 397 all out in their first innings on the first day of their three-day match against Natal.

Bacchus: disciplined innings

Test matches. He toured England in 1960 and 1965 and at home played against New Zealand in 1961-62.

Yallop wallops bowling

Melbourne (Reuter) - Graham Yallop scored his fourth hundred in five innings, and the 27th of his career, as Victoria made a commanding start against the Pakistani cricketers.

Sandown Park

Going: firm. Total: Double 2.0, 3.0. Treble 1.30, 2.30, 3.30. [Television (TV) 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]
1.0 HENRY VII CHASE (handicap: £3,064; 2m 18yd) (8 runners)

1.30 TINGLE CREEK CHASE (handicap: £3,655; 2m 18yd) (5)
1.00 2294243 CLASSIFIED (9 runners)
2.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS HURDLE (handicap: £10,736; 2m) (11)

2.30 MECCA THREE-YEAR OLD HURDLE (handicap: £6,018; 2m) (11)
3.0 EWELL CHASE (handicap: £2,886; 3m 15yd) (4)
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Chepstow

Going: good [Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races]
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Sandown selections

By Michael Phillips
1.0 Captain Dynamo, 1.30 Walnut Wonder, 2.0 Bright Oasis, 2.30 Absarok, 3.0 Koga Way, 3.30 Whole Shebang.

Chepstow selections

By Michael Seely
1.0 Upham Kelly, 1.30 Water Rock, 2.0 Silver Buck, 2.30 Saffron's Daughter, 3.0 Kristen, 3.30 Vivavace.

Newcastle selections

By Michael Seely
1.25 Ash King, 1.15 Chet, 1.45 Tartan Trader, 1.55 Lettcock, 2.45 Cockle Strads, 3.15 Annoch.

Sedgfield results

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Britain hopeful of Athens summit

By Patricia Clough

The Government sees the chance of a breakthrough at the Athens EEC summit, thanks to France's new proposals to control the growth in community spending...

There had been "substantial convergence" in the 10 members' views since the last summit in Stuttgart in June...

Now France, West Germany, Britain and the Netherlands are speaking with a very similar voice...

The Government "shares the concern" of the seven Tory backbenchers who voted with Labour to oppose any increase in the EEC's own financial resources.

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Falklands calendar tours around the islands

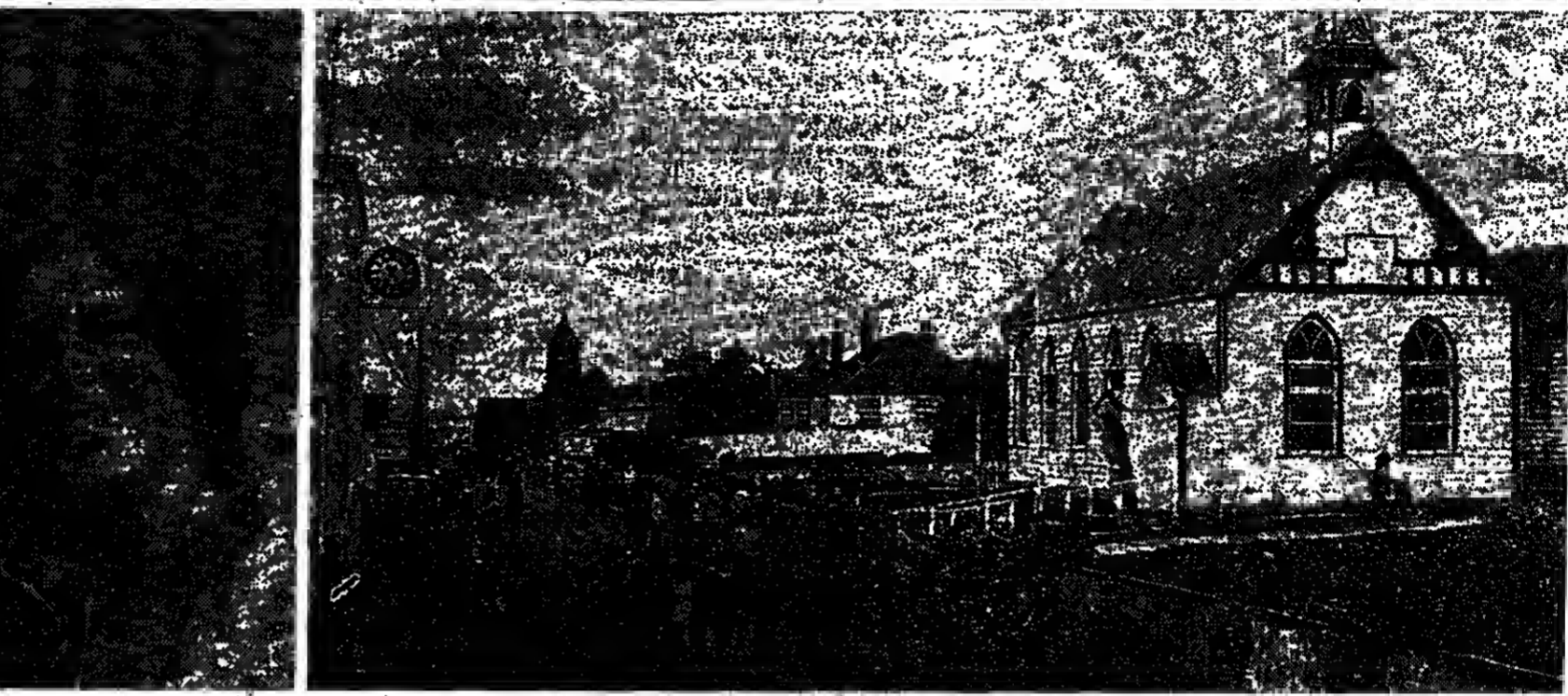
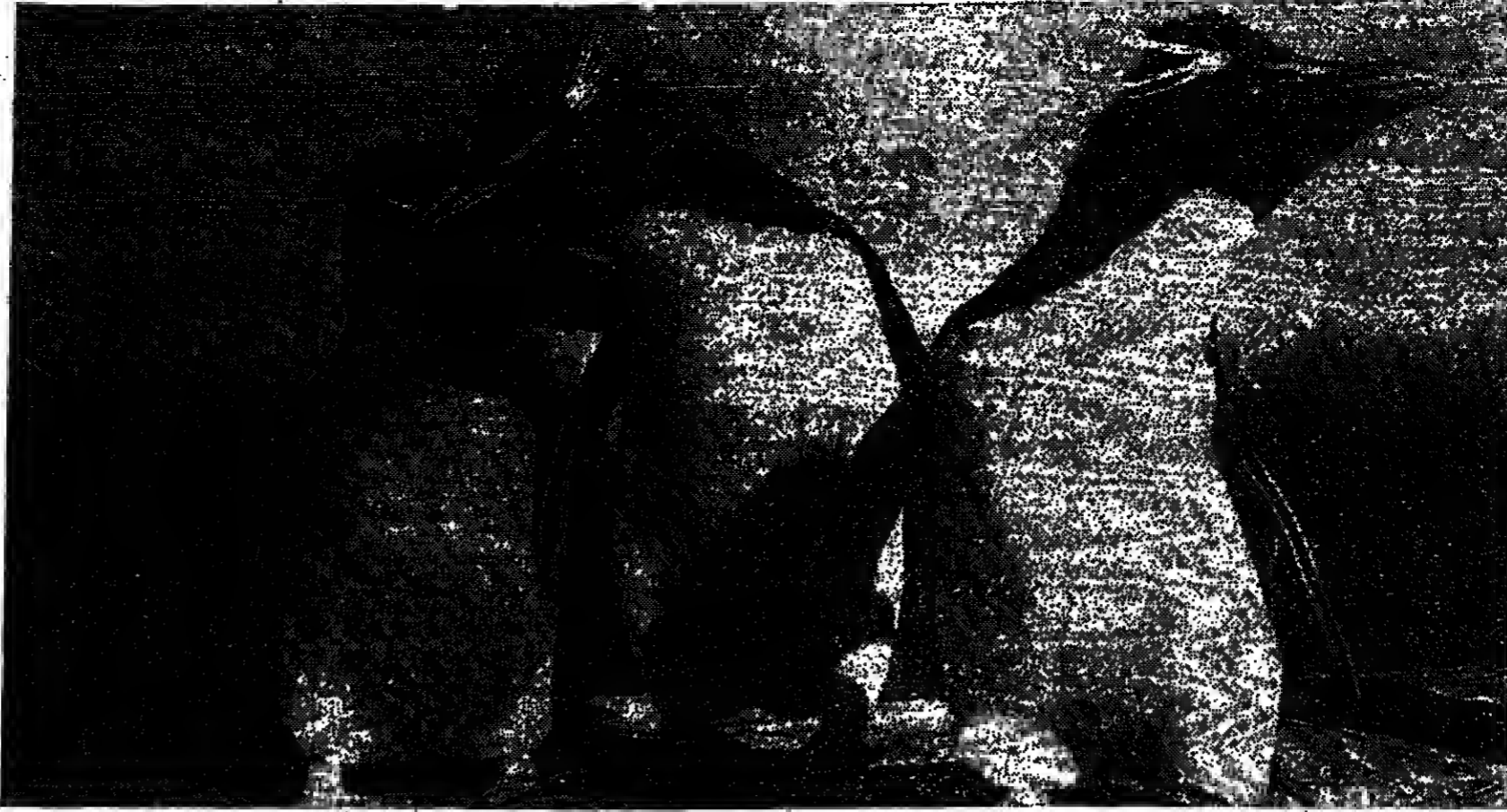
One of the New Year's more unusual calendars has been produced by Mr Stephen Whitley the Falklands Island's veterinary officer...

The British public, however, will not get the chance to buy it for, although it is being printed in London, all 5,000 copies are going to the Falklands.

January (right) shows a group of Rockhopper penguins, the smallest of the five species which breed in the Falklands.

February (below right) has a picture of St Mary's Church, Rose Road, Port Stanley, built in 1899. Rose Road is named after the British explorer and navigator Captain Ross...

Shows below is Mr Whitley with his wife, Susan, a schoolteacher, who was killed by an artillery shell in the last days of the fighting around Port Stanley.



Tighter checks on honours candidates

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He will use data to be published on Tuesday by the Trades Union-linked Labour Research Department which juxtaposes industrialists honoured for non-political services by Mrs Thatcher since 1979...

Shortly after becoming Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher told the Commons she was restoring the practice of awarding honours for political services...

It is impossible to tell, however, from reading a routine honours list which names were recommended by the Prime Minister personally...

The committee's powers, stated most recently in a 1979 Order in Council, enable Lord Shackleton, Lord Franks and Lord Carr to report to the Prime Minister if the past history of general character of a person considered him unsuitable to be recommended.

In pursuing their inquiries, the Privy Counsellors can obtain access to information contained in police files and Security Service material...

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions
The MacLaurin Collection - the first exhibition of the MacLaurin collection of twentieth century art...

1872-1952: Galleries 17-19, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham...

The Art of Craft, an exhibition of craftwork at Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Newport...

In the garden

One is often told on TV and radio and in articles to put combs, tubers, fruits and vegetables in a frost-free shed...

Roads

London and South-east A1910 (Chesham): Sewer work along Rossbrook Street between Russell's Ride and Hillside Avenue...

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will be maintained over S and E parts of England while troughs of low pressure cross N and W parts of Britain.

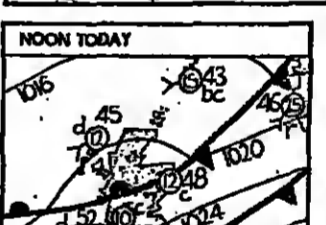
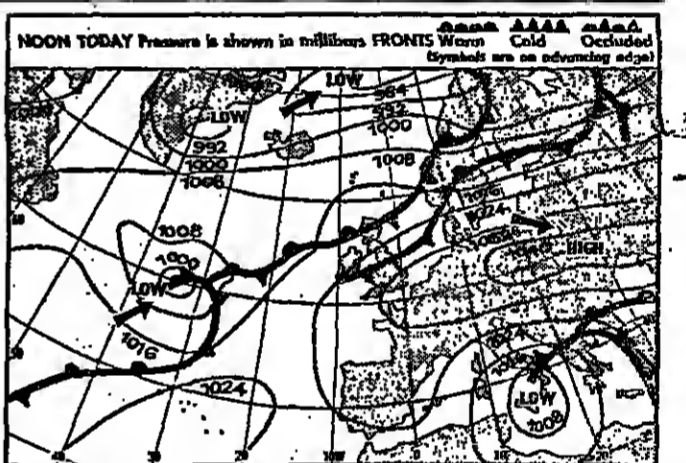


Table with columns for temperature (C/F) and wind speed for various locations like Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Reading, Southampton, Swansea, and Wolverhampton.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,300

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday...

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 27 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS
1 Game player? Nonsense! (10).
2 Former tragic killer in the West Country (6).
3 Sure it's connected with current arrangements? (8).

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Joseph Conrad, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; Anton von Webern, composer, Vienna, 1883; De Rajendra Prasad, 1st president of India, 1894-62; Zerah, 1884...

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 4.54 pm to 7.17 am
Edinburgh 4.15 pm to 7.58 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.58 am
Plymouth 4.52 pm to 7.52 am

Space shuttle calls

British Telecom customers can listen in to live communication between the Columbia space shuttle and Mission Control at Houston, Texas...

The papers

The Daily Nation of Nairobi yesterday commented on the forced removal of investments in South Africa...

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest dry temp: Penzance, 15°C (59°F); lowest: Newquay, 4°C (39°F); highest rainfall: Bournemouth, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 8h.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (37°F); humidity: 6 pm, 72%; sun: 2h 30m to 8 pm, 0.1 sun; 1024.8 mbars; Bar: mean sea level, 0 pm, 1024.8 mbars.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Dover, Falmouth, Harwich, Holyhead, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Margate, Milford Haven, Newport, Penzance, Portlaoine, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Walton-on-Nezoe.

Around Britain

Table showing wind direction and speed for various locations across Britain, including Bournemouth, Cardiff, Dover, Exeter, Falmouth, Harwich, Holyhead, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Margate, Milford Haven, Newport, Penzance, Portlaoine, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Walton-on-Nezoe.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions (cloud, fog, rain, sun, snow, thunder) and temperature for various international locations like Accra, Algiers, Amman, Ankara, Athens, Baghdad, Bahrain, Bamako, Bangkok, Beirut, Belgrade, Bern, Bogota, Brasilia, Bucharest, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Canberra, Caracas, Casablanca, Cebu, Chicago, Colombo, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dallas, Damascus, Dar es Salaam, Dhaka, Doha, Dublin, Geneva, Hanoi, Harare, Havana, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Houston, Islamabad, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Lima, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, New Delhi, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Port of Spain, Port-au-Prince, Pretoria, Rome, Santiago, Sao Paulo, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Taipei, Tegay, Tokyo, Tunis, Vancouver, Warsaw, Wellington, Zurich.

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SOLUTION OF PUZZLE NO 16,299
A crossword puzzle solution grid with letters filled in.

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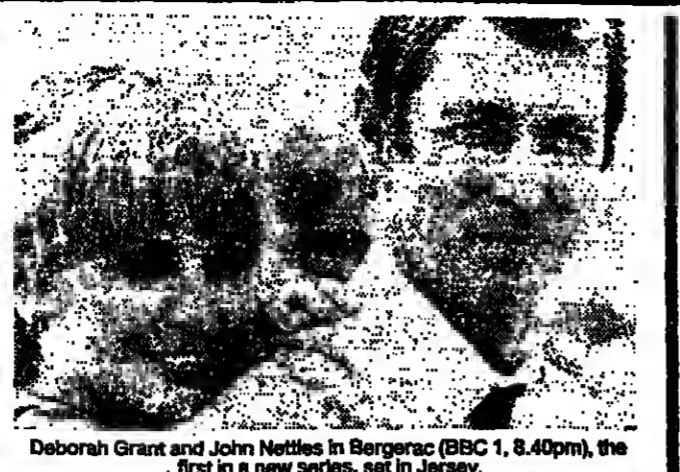
Saturday

Television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1.35 Private Eye cartoon... 18 Grandstand. The line-up is: Football Focus (12.20)...

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain: with the Parkinsons (Michael and Mary)... 9.25 LWT information: what's on...



Deborah Grant and John Nettles in Bergerac (BBC 1, 8.40pm), the first in a new series, set in Jersey.

BBC 2 10.10 Open University. Until 11.25. 2.15 Saturday Cinema: Hue and Cry (1947)...

BBC 1 9.00 Heads and Tails: for the toddlers (7); 9.15 Sunday Worship: Jesus and Judaism...

TV-am 7.25 Good Morning Britain: with David Frost who introduces today's Thought for a Sunday speaker...



Alfred Brendel, who plays the E major sonata, Op 109 in the Beethoven Piano Sonatas series (BBC2, 3.25pm).

BBC 2 10.10 Open University: until 12.30pm. 2.05 Heroes: Frank Middlemass, the explorer, explains why he has such a high regard for Dickens...

CHANNEL 4 1.25 Irish Angle: A news programme from Ian Usher Television or Radio Televis Eireann...

Radio 4 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News: Farming Today. 6.50 In Perspective: Religious affairs...

Radio 2 5.00 Wildlife: Listeners' questions. 5.25 Week Ending: Saturday review of the week...

Radio 1 11.00 The Complete Works: with Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano; and the London Sinfonietta...

Radio 3 7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 The English Baroque: Includes records of Boyce's anthem...

Radio 5 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News: Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather: Travels...

Radio 2 2.00 Spin: Notturno Op 94 for wind and strings and Turkish instruments...

Radio 1 11.15 News on the half hour until 11.30am, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (M/F/W)...

BBC 1 1.35 Private Eye cartoon from the US: 6.00. Saturday SuperStores Today's offers include Bucks, Fizz, B.A. Robertson...

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